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SUBJECT: SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ BRAVO VISIT:

GIBRALTAR

REF: USUN 3699, OCTOBER 6, 1972

1. DURING APRIL 10 CALL ON SECRETARY ROGERS, LOPEZ BRAVO ASKED WHETHER SECRETARY HAD MENTIONED GIBRALTAR TO UK FONSEC HOME (AS HE HAD PROMISED TO DO DURING THEIR LAST TALK IN OCTOBER 1972 IN NEW YORK; SEE REFTEL). SECRETARY REPLIED HE HAD DONE SO ON OCCASION OF HIS LAST MEETING WITH SIR ALEC (IN WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 1-2, 1973), ADDING THAT HE HAD RAISED THIS SUBJECT IN TERMS OF ASKING FOR INFORMATION RATHER THAN GIVING ADVICE.

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2. LOPEZ BRAVO REMARKED THAT UK HAD UNFORTUNATELY DECIDED TO DO NOTHING ABOUT STATUS GIBRALTAR. HE SAID THAT UNITED STATES SHOULD INSIST WITH BRITISH THAT THEY RETURN GIBRALTAR TO SPANISH- AS IT IS, GIBRALTAR HAS NO MILITARY IMPORTANCE, BUT IN SPANISH HANDS IT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO COMMON WESTERN DEFENSE.

3. LOPEZ BRAVO MENTIONED HE HAVING FURTHER TALKS WITH SIR ALEC ON GIBRALTAR IN LONDON FROM MAY 8-10. ROGERS

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